

Community Event 1-50 attendees

Length: 30 minutes

Notes for Organisers

This programme would suit those coming to HMD for the first time. The duration of the event can vary and some elements will depend on the facilities available to you. This programme is intended to act as a guide only and should be adapted to best reflect the audience at your event. When planning your HMD event, make sure you have read the HMDT advice for organisers <http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/organising-a-local-activity> link to new event section and that you've ordered our free Campaign Pack <http://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/campaignpack> and keep up to date with our new resources via our newsletter, sign up to the HMDT newsletter <http://www.hmd.org.uk/news>

Event Programme

Display HMD posters and have the HMD handout booklets (both available in our free Campaign Pack <http://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/campaignpack>) for your attendees.

1-5 minutes Introduction of your event, detailing the importance of HMD for your community. You can use any of the text from HMDT resources to assist in writing this speech.

6-10 minutes Speaker – you could ask a member of your community to read a survivor testimony <http://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/survivor-stories> or you could ask a refugee or survivor in your own community to speak about their experiences. You could play one of the HMDT Podcasts <http://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/podcasts> if this would suit your audience.

10-15 minutes Music – work with a local choir or school to develop a short piece of music. You'll find suggestions for suitable pieces in our performance <http://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/performance> section. If you use recorded music, please ensure you have the necessary license to enable you to do this <http://www.ppluk.com/en/Music-Users/Playing-Music-and-Videos-In-Public/>

15-19 minutes Candle lighting – ask the leader of your community such as your local MP or Councillor to lead a short candle lighting as a way to remember the millions

murdered and persecuted in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides. Allow for a moment for reflection after the candle has been lit.

19 – 23 minutes Ask different members of your community to each read a line from We Remember Them <http://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/poetry/we-remember-them-sylvan-kamens-rabbi-jack-riemer>

24 – 28 minutes Ask a local historian or educator to speak to your audience about the genocides <http://www.hmd.org.uk/genocides> covered in HMD. You will not be able to teach your audience everything, but you could speak about how genocide builds from the smallest act of hatred – acts that may be within our communities today. This is the crux of HMD – we must learn the lessons of the past in order to create a safer, better future.

28 – 30 minutes An action for today – HMD is not a simple act of remembrance. Ask your audience to make a pledge to create a safer, better future. You may wish to ask them to sign a pledge which is specific for your community, or to commit to telling someone else what they have learnt today. Inspire your audience to act for change.

Close of event.

There's many ways a smaller audience can commemorate HMD, in the past event organisers have:

- organised a tree planting
- held an interfaith service
- had a poster display in local libraries
- watched the HMDT short film
- displayed the HMDT presentations on public screens

For more ideas and advice, contact the HMDT team on *0845 838 1883* or enquiries@hmd.org.uk